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2.- INDIA: //THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY WILL RESIST US PRESSURE TO CONTINUE THE EXISTING SAFEGUARDS COMMITMENTS FOR THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT TARAPUR DURING THE DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK ON ENDING THE CURRENT FUEL SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE US. TO AVOID INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM, HOWEVER, NEW DELHI PROBABLY WILL NEGOTIATE A NEW SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENT WITH THE IAEA FOR REPROCESSING SPENT FUEL AND USING THE EXTRACTED PLUTONIUM. THIS WOULD HELP IT TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF YIELDING TO US PRESSURE.// [redacted]

//AS LONG AS INDIA IS BOUND BY ITS CURRENT ACCORD WITH THE US GOVERNING THE URANIUM ALREADY SUPPLIED, IT CANNOT REPROCESS THE SPENT FUEL FROM THIS URANIUM FOR FUTURE USE IN POWERING THE TARAPUR REACTORS. TO GET US AGREEMENT TO END THIS ACCORD, NEW DELHI PROBABLY IS WILLING TO MAKE A UNILATERAL COMMITMENT THAT PLUTONIUM FROM THE REPROCESSED FUEL WILL NOT BE USED IN A NUCLEAR DEVICE , BUT IT WILL REFUSE MORE BINDING GUARANTEES.// [redacted]

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